

COMPILATION

PART 2

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time, the wrong things may happen”- Edris
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INTRODUCTION

Bismillah Arrahman Arraheem

In the name of Allah, The Entirely Merciful,
The Especially Merciful

Alhamdulillah/All praise be to Allah

The Salah and salaam on the Final Messenger
of Allah(Muhammad peace of Allah be upon
him)

To proceed:

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time, the wrong things may happen”- Edris
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This is a book that I compiled from a deep
love to share many of the spiritual gems and
treasures which I have come across thus far in
my continuing Journey, until we reach
physical death, then The life of the grave, then
Judgement day and its many events, then to
either Heaven/ Paradise, or to Hellfire. May

Allah guide us Ameen. May Allah give us the
good of this life, the good of the next, and
May He protect us from the punishment of
Hellfire Ameen.

May Allah guide us all Ameen
May Allah forgive me my sins and May He
pardon my mistakes

Alhamdulillah/All praise be to Allah. And the
Salah and salaam on the Final Messenger of
Allah(Muhammad peace of Allah be upon
him)

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Book 1

AFRICA- The land of dreams

Africa is truly a land of attaining your wildest dreams as far as this temporary world is considered.

I have experienced lots of challenges, but my Creator, Allah subhaana wa ta 'aala has made the situation much more clearer to me in relation to the whole black/ African slavery

and the so called colonialism of the Western Powers(for lack of a better term)

Just in-case you did not know, most of the academic books available, for example, in the Kaduna metropolis area; the majority of these books are outdated, many of them even being books from the 1980's/1990's and possibly even before.

As it is said, you can not judge a person until you walk a thousand mile/steps in their shoes. So, having generally analyzed the situation in the bookshops in Kaduna Metropolis, in

general, as stated above, most of the books are second hand, which in and of itself sends a bold message to the intellectual African man of both past and present that the Western world has spent almost endless resources, time, effort, finances(mostly taken from the so-called colonized lands- we may come back to this particular conundrum at a later point) and deliberate mis-information about the African man of both past and present i.e. black Africa's rich heritage of wealth, natural resources and moreso, multitudes of fully organised, self- governing Kingdoms etc spread across black Africa.

I will be at the foremost at affirming that; I do not have a general problem with anyone in this world with regards to geneaology parse. However having said that, I do not believe that this lack of looking down on other nations(albeit being correct both from the natural disposition and divine law), should give way to Arab/ Asian/ White supremacy to take charge.

I personally have no general problem with regards to different nations such as the British, Italians, French coming to our lands to share

and trade in the resources that Allah provided to his creation, and the Arabs coming through the so-called horn of Africa, East Africa and through most of North Africa to trade, and most especially spread Islam (to the point where there are several lands in black Africa that are majority muslim). However, this does not justify a non- legislated reverence of a particular genealogy, moreso to the point of worshiping the Creation(the worst sin that Allah does not forgive if repentance is not ardently and sincerely sought before the time of one's death)

Trading resources, whether locally or globally(as related to my point above) does not justify cheating, deception, financial/ social/ racial/ economic subjugation without a permission from divine law, let alone demoralisation, perpetual ridicule on all levels(including physical, mental, spiritual and intellectual) of a group of people with the only justification being an action directly inherited from Iblees himself(the sin he not only committed but also persisted in, to the point where he refused to repent to Allah)

Adam and Hawa(peace be upon them) sought and received forgiveness, guidance and positive respite from The Creator)

However, Iblees, did not repent and furthermore made the oaths he made to Allah(His Lord as he himself testified by his asking of His Rabb to give him respite and experiencing his Creator disfiguring him, eternally cursing him and promising him the fire of hell as an eternal abode). So to keep this particular point short, if this is the type of inheritance you wish for, then this book is not necessarily for you, wa Allahu a'lam

Contrary to common and deliberate misinformation (for whatever reason), many people across the world do not realise that there exists in the Arab lands, dark skin Arab tribes, even from the times of Prophet Muhammad(and even before).

Hajar, the Mother of Ismael and the wife of Ibrahim(peace be upon them all) was a dark skinned/ black individual, from what is known to the best of my recall. So from well known understanding of genealogy by its experts, some of the traits/ characteristics of a

particular ancestor is highly likely (to say the least), to reach down to any number of generations which Our Creator has decreed.

This difference in complexions/ characteristics of some of the Prophets is testified to in the famous book Shamail Attirmidhi, in which Imam Tirmidhi(Rahimuhullah) compiles the explanations of the difference in complexion between Prophet Muusa(peace upon him), Prophet Ibrahim(Peace be upon him) and Prophet Muhammad(peace be upon him)

It is clear to those with sound intellect and a pure heart that there is obviously a Wisdom of Allah Subhaana wa ta 'Aala that those who are well known (in Orthodox Islam), to be the three greatest Prophet's, had the differences in their complexions described to us.

Also, these three Prophets were amongst those that Allah took as his Khaleel, and those that Allah spoke to directly. Those who understand this wisdom, Alhmadulillah, and those that don't, we pray that Allah makes us better than they think, May Allah increase us in beneficial knowledge. May Allah guide us, May Allah

forgive us all our sins, and we ask Allah that he pardons us our shortcomings. May Allah purify our hearts and intentions, May Allah give us understanding of the religion, May Allah give us beneficial knowledge, hikmah and sincerity for His sake Alone. May Allah have Mercy and forgiveness upon us and those who preceded us.

Oh Allah guide us all Ameen

Rabbanaa, Aatinaa fiddunia hasanah, wa fil akhirati hasanah, wa qinaa ‘adhabannaar

Alhamdulillah, wassalatu wassalaam ‘alaa Rasuulillah

Translation:

Our Lord/ Rabb, Give us the good of this world and give us the good of the afterlife and protect us from the fire of Hell Ameen

All praises belong to Allah, and the salah and the salaam upon the final Messenger(Muhammad Peace be upon him)

Book 2

Inspirational Gems

1. Religion (The way of life) is not just a label that one wears. You must be able to experience the positive effects within yourself , and thus be able to positively affect others even without saying a word

2. If the commander in chief(i.e. the spiritual heart) is not in full control of his subjects(i.e. the limbs and all other faculties) then inevitable disaster awaits. The only way the commander in chief can achieve this just, wise rule is by having knowledge of The True Monotheism of Allah, and embedding the internal qualities of the Prophet (peace be upon him) within themselves. Therefore, one internally and externally acts by Divine Guidance(i.e. the

subjects happily carry out the chief's commands)

3. If you actually took the time to observe your children and actually listen to what they are trying to tell you/ share with you, within due reason and boundaries, you would learn lessons not even your friends could teach you...children are a special gift from Allah, so treat them well, and nurture them according to their nature/disposition/developing mental

capacity. Most importantly, instil in them religious ethics and good character

4. Allah is the one that controls the hearts of the insaan/ mankind: Have you not heard the Hadith of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him): 'if Allah loves a person, He calls Jibrael saying, 'Allah loves so and so; O Jibrael love him.' And make an announcement amongst the inhabitants of the heaven: "Allah loves so and so therefore you should love him also,

and so all the inhabitants of the heaven would love him, and then he is granted the pleasures of the people on the earth.” [Al-Bukhari and Muslim]. So, do what is right, don't fear the blame of the blamers, and be rest assured that the matters of the seen and the unseen are totally in the hands of Allah.

5. Don't be fooled by Shaytaan, who only wants to see you sad and crippled, so that he can launch his weak attacks. Allah says in the Qur an (4:76) Chapter 4 Verse 76 ;

"Ever feeble indeed is the plot of Shaytaan (Satan)".

6. The interesting thing about life, which further elaborates on the Mercy and Wisdom of Allah, is that He always gives us a chance to change. He gives us signs, one after another, in order that we repent to Him, and return to the straight path. The more we accept these lessons and follow accordingly, the more He leads us(by His Will), to the path of righteousness, and to

remain upon it. Otherwise, our open refusal only sets us down the paths of never ending misguidance and destruction, to the point where one actually loses themselves; Allah says in the Qur an, Chapter 42 verse 45 "And you will see them brought forward to it (Hell) made humble by disgrace, (and) looking with stealthy glance. And those who believe will say: "Verily, the losers are they who lose themselves and their families on the Day of Resurrection. Verily, the Dhalimuun [i.e. Al-Kafirun (disbelievers in Allah, in His

Oneness and in His Messenger SAW, polytheists, wrong-doers, etc.)) will be in a lasting torment."

May Allah guide us all Ameen

7. If you cannot successfully lead yourself, you cannot successfully lead others

8. Sins aren't always those that you can openly see. Many sins are committed in the confines of your spiritual heart, those deep

seated unrestricted ill feelings and desires that only Allah sees...always ask for guidance from the One Above, repent to Him, and seek His forgiveness.

8. Many Parents should wake up: if you keep treating your children like they are still babies, this may have long-term detrimental effects. Give children some level of guided independence, and directed decision making; especially when they reach the age of mental/ intellectual

discernment(which is around 7 or so), then they will feel respected and start taking initiatives. Allow them to think out of the box of fantasy and false reality that so many parents put their children in. If your child has the ability to memorise about 50 to 100 different cartoon characters, with their names and their associated roles, then Allah is showing you, that in its place, he can learn 100 or more verses from the Holy book(with its meaning and associated actions). Parents, wake up from the sleep of heedlessness. Allah says in the Quran to

the believers; "Save yourself and your families from a fire whose fuel is men and stone"... Save yourselves...don't let societal norms divert you from your spiritual goals; it is either to Paradise or Hell; You as a parent, have a major pivotal role in your children's/ child's life journey.

9. Don't seek fame:

Be sincere towards Allah, and stick to the straight path; The One who does something sincerely for Allah(i.e. seeking His face),

Allah will help him. Allah says in Chapter 65 verse 2 "And whosoever fears Allah and keeps his duty to Him, He will make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty)".

10. One thing that we can reflect on from the world of the animals, is that Allah gave them different roles, functions and benefits that they provide to themselves and the environment. They worship Allah and act accordingly, which proves that many people can't even match an animal's status,

in terms of knowing what is good for them and acting therewith. Allah says in the Qur an, Chapter 7 verse 179; "And surely, We have created many of the jinns and mankind for Hell. They have hearts wherewith they understand not, they have eyes wherewith they see not, and they have ears wherewith they hear not (the truth). They are like cattle, nay even more astray; those! They are the heedless ones."

11. What are our priorities? Allah says in The Qur an, Chapter 3 (Aal 'Imraan) verse 154: And whoever desires a reward in (this) world, We shall give him of it; and whoever desires a reward in the Hereafter, We shall give him thereof. And We shall reward the grateful.

In the Qur an, Chapter 17 (Al Israa), verse 18-19; "Whoever desires the quick-passing (transitory enjoyment of this world), We readily grant him what We will for whom We like. Then, afterwards, We have appointed for him Hell; he will burn

therein disgraced and rejected. 19. And whoever desires the Hereafter and strives for it, with the necessary effort due for it while he is a believer, then such are the ones whose striving shall be appreciated, (rewarded by Allah)”

And in the Qur an Chapter 42 (Surah Shuurah) verse 20-21; Whosoever desires (with his deeds) the reward of the Hereafter, We give him increase in his reward, and whosoever desires the reward of this world (with his deeds), We give him

thereof (what is written for him), and he has no portion in the Hereafter.

12. Don't be put off by hatred. Be patient with all harm that comes from following the path of Allah; you would be surprised when even your worst enemy comes to take you as a close friend. Have you not heard the verse of Allah in the Qur an (41:34) Surah Fussilat verse 34: "Repel (the evil) with one which is better (i.e. Allah ordered the faithful believers to be

patient at the time of anger, and to excuse
those who treat them badly), then verily!
he, between whom and you there was
enmity, (will become) as though he was a
close friend.

Book 3
10 Inspirational Quotes Part 1

1. Immerse yourself in the oceans of
knowledge and hope to remain with at least a
drop when you are out



2. You will never face justice until you are
just, and the most important justice for

yourself is establishing the Tawheed (True Monotheism) of Allah



3. Change will never come, until you change yourself.



4. Succeed or die trying; that is in-itself
success



5. If you have a sincere intention to pursue a
particular matter you have succeeded already,
as for successful people, the vision of the
finish line comes before the tedious process



6. Repent and resume the path of
righteousness.



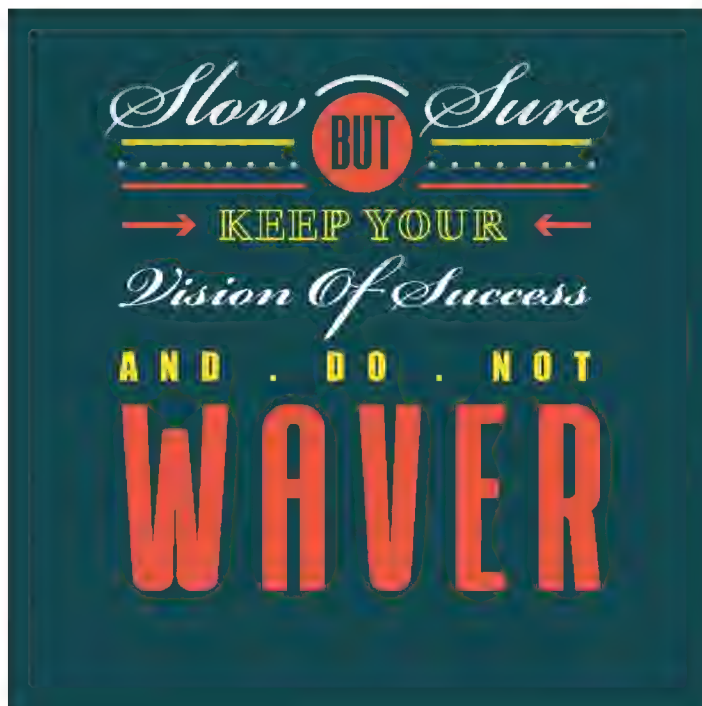
7. When it all fails, remember, same goal
different approach



8. So many unanswered questions? Pray, all
will fall into place, just a matter of time



9. Slow but sure, keep your vision of success
and do not waver by the pomp and glitter of
illusionary happiness



10. Success is not in material gain, it is in wealth of the heart, pure intentions and steadfastness upon the path of success



11. With the help of Allah, all good will be achieved



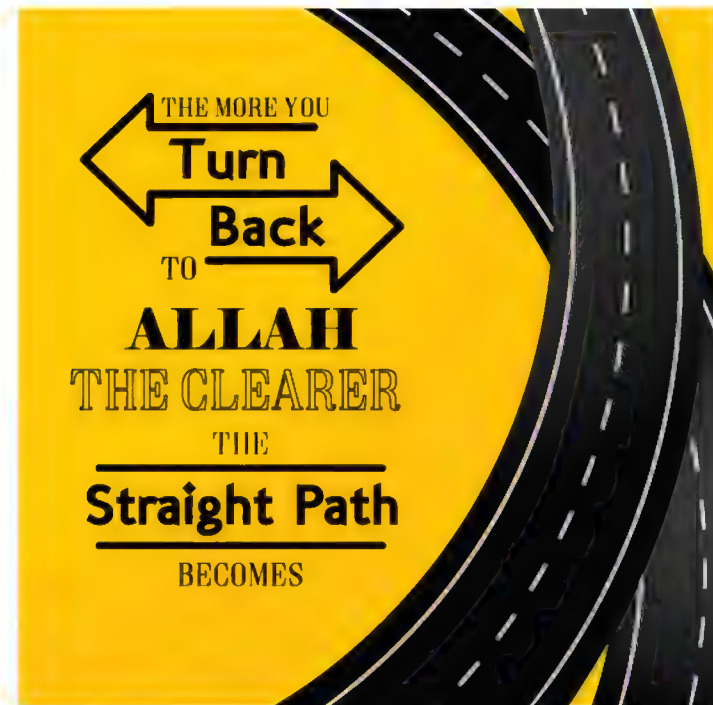
Book 4

10 Inspirational Quotes Part 2

1. When all the paths to the dunia(worldly life) are blocked, turn back to Allah, the one that provides for you from sources that you can never imagine



2. Life is a test, each person has a tailor- made path to success; Turn back to Allah and your path becomes clearer



3. If you do not pass a test of Allah, it will be repeated many times until eventually you pass by His will



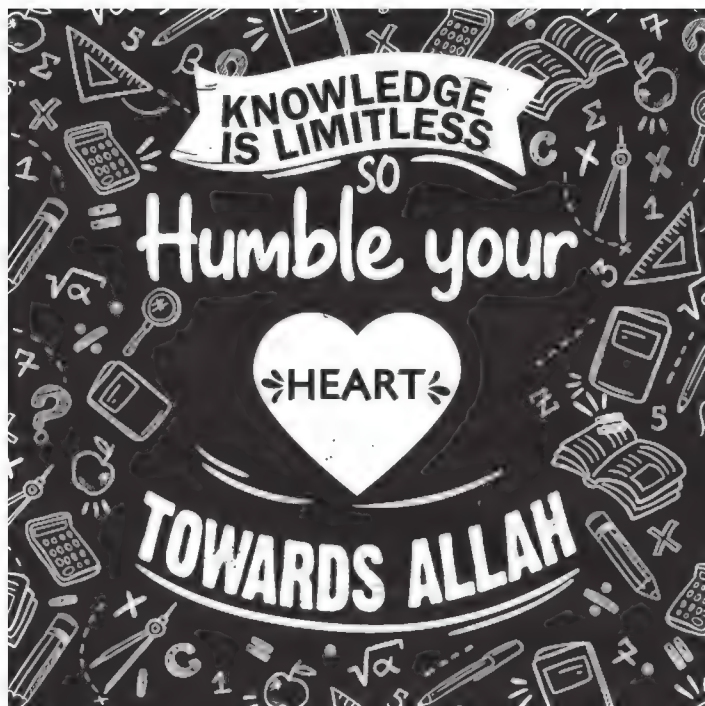
4. Wait, be patient and never tire of being patient



5. Patience is a key ingredient to attaining the gardens of bliss



6. Knowledge is Limitless, so, humble your heart towards Allah



7. The more sincere you are towards Allah, the more He opens up the path of guidance for you



8. Be sincere, then continue on the path of righteousness



9. After waiting, just wait a little longer



10. Have hope in Allah. The wait will soon be over



Book 5

Reflections of a Spiritual Traveler

1. Claiming knowledge does not necessarily entail the reality

2. Many use religion to fulfill or to chase their ulterior motives

3. True religion is to only expect reward from Allah alone and none other than Him

4. You look down on non-Muslims, but you have not had much positive impact towards them to prove your self-declared glory

5. There reaches a time in some people's lives,
where, in order to maintain intellectual congruence
& sanity, sincerity to Allah, spiritual uprightness,
physical calmness and emotional balance & integrity,
you must block out certain darkneses that only the
spiritual eyes can see, just the way one patches up a
damaged roof/ wall

6. When your spiritual eyes are wide open, not even
The Shaitan can convince you otherwise, as Your
Rabb has allowed your spiritual eye to encompass
your enemy the way a spotlight encompasses a
sought out criminal

7. Don't fear spirituality, however, do fear it's
absence in you

8. Most people don't live up to their words

9. The amount of times you may hear people swear
and making oaths in the name of Allah, you may ask
yourself whether The Mahdi/ Reviver has arrived,
only to realise that the Shaitan has deceived many on
the face of this Earth

10. Only Allah's recompense is sufficient for those
who make false testimonies in the name of Allah
purposefully to throw people into trouble and
destruction, let alone towards the Muslims,

Believers, Muhsiniin etc. Not even the Prophet's
(Peace be upon them all) were safe from the harm of
these type of people

11. The one who sees the light but purposely chooses
to remain in darkness; pray for them and do not
entertain the call of their devil inviting you to the
never- ending paths of darkness

13. Don't be tricked by the Shaitaan; always be
vigilant and trust that Allah will guide you to the
straight path in Shaa Allah. Start with sincerity of
intention. May Allah purify our hearts and intentions
Ameen

14. The biggest talkers are seldom the biggest
walkers

15. Very few people contineously, consciously,
constantly and consistently endeavor to align every
faculty of their existence, whether physical, mental,
emotional, spiritual and otherwise, **COMPLETELY** to
the Quran and sunnah according to the
understanding of the Sahaabah

16. Many people do not realise that you can not win
a war with one whom Allah has chosen to protect,
even The head Devil, Iblees knows this

17. Seek knowledge, act accordingly(with wisdom),
call to the Truth and be patient through the resulting
trials in-order to obtain a noble standing in this world
and the next(by Allah's mercy and favour)

18. Anger and harshness have never, and will never
build a safe and beautiful environment. May Allah
purify our hearts

19. Don't shout at cattle and their likes, as they
cannot hear, just lead them aright within your
humanly-possible means, and leave the changing of
the hearts and even the changing in physical
appearances to Allah Subhaana wa ta 'aala

20. If intellectually and strategically, it is a sincere,
clear and unadulterated victory, the next steps is
either acceptance of the truth, then change, or denial
and remaining on falsehood, or intentionally
choosing to enter into darkness

21. The ones who consciously endeavour to walk in
the light of divine guidance and their enemies, who
walk in the paths of darkness know themselves in
the spiritual realm. For those that want only Paradise
and to see the face of Allah Jalla jalaali, you have The
Prophets to follow, and those that want other than
that, then that path is also clear and extremely easy
to tread upon. May Allah guide us Ameen. May Allah
purify our hearts and intentions Ameen

22. Things are not always as they seem. Leave those that Allah has put in certain places/ circumstances and who He has given certain abilities, to carry out their God- given task(by the will of Allah)

23. You will not truly reach the peak of attaining knowledge until you start to understand the importance of learning, understanding and implementing the words of your Creator. Humankind as a whole is currently, and until judgement day, bound by the last testament. One must also make a sincere intention to learn the language that Our Creator chose to send His words down in, further being the language of Jannah/ Paradise

24. When propagating religious values and the importance of the Arabic language or Quraan, do not add in your own nationalistic/ personal/ tribal/cultural twists that have no basis in Divine Law, otherwise many may be hindering people from the right path

25. In Orthodox Islam, it is known that ignorance is filth. Eliminate ignorance from yourself through seeking knowledge

26. Those closest to you physically and emotionally could be the ones plotting most against you. Think about it, your closest companion from the Jinn(i.e.

your Qareen) works day and night to misguide you and to take you to the hellfire. So, turn back to Allah, repent and obey Prophet Muhammad pbuh, read and completely & sincerely implement the last Testament.

27. Whenever you love something or someone divergently, The Creator will test you continuously with that thing, until your love and attachment is only for Him (Allah Subhanna wa ta 'aala)

Book 6

Spiritual Diamonds from the Land of Worldly Wealth

1. The trick to attaining spiritual stability in life, is to align your wants with your needs
2. Once you have aligned your wants with your needs, the doors of spiritual satisfaction

and contentment make anchor within- by the will of Allah

3. Once you give without expecting reward from the people, you will experience spiritual upliftment

4. If you act mindfully (within divine principles), sooner or later, you will receive a King's welcome- In shaa Allah

5. Some of life's problems can't always be totally eliminated. Sometimes, you just have

to put out preventative measures and carry out damage-mitigation

6. Do not be afraid to go through short term losses (from what most perceive) for long-term gains

7. Live by your accepted life values, don't only blurt them out

8. The one with the largest titles, in the face of critical tests, may be as intellectually

incompetent as a newly born(with few
righteous exceptions)

9. Be a Location Intelligence Expert, for your
own soul, so you may warn it against
oncoming dangers

10. Part of wisdom is not to always say what
you know

11. There is a thin line between refusing to
wear your coat of wisdom, and that of
purposefully choosing to wrap yourself up

with a flammable garment(amidst a blazing
fire)

12. You may have a wish or ambition to do or
achieve something, and depending on your
level of purity and closeness to Allah, He Jalla
Jalaali, may just choose to grant it to you- in
Shaa Allah

13. The spiritual battlefield is not for the
faint-hearted; it can completely incapacitate
the most intellectual of minds, cripple the
most physically strong, and ofcourse, which

trick does the Shaitaan frequently use other than insinuating individuals, and moreso spouses to emotional warfare, eventually leading to community breakdown and general community/ social unsettlement.

Bonus Original quote for further research and contemplation- In shaa Allah

14. The amazing thing about patience is that, after many years of descending upon its seemingly inescapable/ never-ending trough, then ascending and escaping it's peak, you

realise that you actually needed that lesson for your personal success.

Bonus Book 1

A Gift to The Christians- Edris Kibalama

Ibn al-Qayyim al-Jawziyya (1292-1350CE / 691 AH- 751 AH) was a prominent Muslim jurist during Islam's Golden Age (Islamic Renaissance). Apart from his juridistic prowess, he was also competent in composing qasidah (Arabic poetry).

Among his more famous works was a poem entitled A'obbad al-Maseeh Fi Naqd al-

Nasraniyyah (O Christ-Worshippers! In

Answering Christianity). This Poem is well-

known in the Muslim world and has even

been turned into a song. The following is the

English translation of the poetry from the

Arabic original:

" O Christ-worshippers! We want an answer to our question [from your wise ones], If the Lord was murdered by some people's act, what kind of god is this? We wonder! Was He pleased by what they did to Him? If yes, blessed be they, they achieved His pleasure,

But if He was discontented, this means their power had subjugated Him! Was the whole entity left without a Sustainer, so who answered the prayers? Were the heavens vacated, when He laid under the ground somewhere? Were all the worlds left without a God, to manage while His hands were nailed? Why did not the angels help Him, when they heard him while he wailed? How could the rods stand to bear the True Lord when He was fastened, How could the irons reach Him and [had] His body pinned? How could His enemies' hands reach Him and slap

His rear, And was Christ revived by himself, or was the Reviver another god? What a sight it was, a grave that enclosed a god, Stranger still is the belly that confined Him! He stayed there for nine months in utter darkness, fed by blood! Then he got out of the womb as a small baby, Weak and gasping to be breast-fed! He ate and drank, and did what that naturally resulted, Is this [what you call] a god? High Exalted be Allah above the lies of Christians, All of them will be held accountable for their libels! O Cross-worshippers! For what reason is this exalted

and blame [is cast upon those] who reject it?
Is it not logical to break and burn it, along
with the one who innovated it? Since the Lord
was crucified on it, and his hands were
fastened to it? That is really a cursed cross to
carry, So discard it, do not kiss it! The Lord
was abused on it, and you adore it? So [it is
clear that] you are one of His enemies! If you
extol it because it carried the Lord of the
Worlds, Why don't you prostrate yourself and
worship graves, Since the grave contained
your god in it? So Christ-worshipper, open

your eyes, This is what the matter is all about.

"

Above(taken from) transcription on:

"muslimalmadeenah" Channel

Bonus Book 2

Insincerity- Edris Kibalama

In The Name of Allah, The Entirely Merciful,
The Especially Merciful

Initial gra gra- in some western scenes they
call this fronting or for lack of a better term,
you can call it an initial front. In some
intellectual jargon, it is referred to as The

Fascade, with the french c. Amongst the
gamblers most especially the poker players,
they call it poker face, in reality it is like the
display of some animals to their enemies,
such that they appear to be more grandeur,
vicious and more dangerous than they
actually are- without personally attacking
anyone, just from an analytical/ factual point
of view, this is usually done when one has
fear or to say the least or an inclination to
fear an approaching thing/ person.

From an Orthodox Islamic point of view, we are commanded to not fear anything except Allah.

This phenomena under whatever name you wish to call it happens so regularly in some societies, that in more times than not, it is a well known an accepted norm. As I have said, I am not here to step on people's toes, just to analyse the situation and extract the truth and give clarity to those who are or were not able to relate certain concepts together; For example, the story of Khidr and Muusa in the

Quran, in Chapter 18, teaches us a lesson that amongst the Creation of Allah, knowledge is not confined to one individual entity/ thing/ creation.

We must go back to original authentic understandings of The Quran and Sunnah according to the understanding of the Sahaabah, where we know that Allah Subhaana wa ta 'aala is the Creator, The Most High, Who is Seperate from His Creation, Above them, above the Seven Heavens, above His Kursi and Throne, in a manner that

befits His Majesty, The One and Only, Al Witr,
The Supreme, The Irresistible, The Subduer,
The Ever Subduing, Al Mawlaa(The Master),
The King of Kings, The Owner of the
Dominion, The One who does what He wills
and many such names and attributes of Allah
Subhana wa ta 'Aala.

Apart from The creator(Allah Subhana wa ta
'Aala), everything other than Him, is His
Creation. This is a fundamental Orthodox
Islamic Theological concept that is incumbent
to believe, since, according to the Authentic

Understanding of Islam, we are told that
Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him, was
sent as a mercy to mankind, and that there
would be no other religion, from the time of
Prophet Muhammad Peace be Upon Him,
that would be accepted except for Islam.

Allah mentions in the Quran:

“Bal Aktharuhum laa Yu-minoon”

May Allah guide us all Ameen

Bonus Book 3

Reflections of an Orthodox Islamic Immigrant

1. Parable of the importance of knowledge:

Know your button mushroom from a magic mushroom, as eating one is a blessing, and eating the other is a potential sin.

2. Parable on dedication: When the light refuses to switch on, use an alternative power supply.

3. Importance of travel: Sometimes, the things you wish for are not always in the locality you currently reside in.

4. Tests of Allah: It is not until you live deeply amongst the ignorant , that you would know whether you are yourself the same.

5. In a land of deep seated Jahiliyyah, I give you an advice my fellow brother or sister, never open Pandora's box even if you can physically get out eventually, the spiritual, emotional and intellectual damage to your being may never heal.

Important lesson; Never argue with an ignorant one. Don't even contemplate or think about it.

6. Always turn back to the Creator. Don't let the people's negative, abusive and derogatory words put you down. Trust in Allah, He will

fulfill his promise to those who fear and trust Him alone.

7. If you are following a path that you are not meant to follow, the Creator will make it very clear to you, as long as you constantly seek His counsel. (i.e. Istikhaarah), you are sincere and you demonstrate never-ending patience (only for the sake of Allah)

BONUS BOOK 4

A Prayer for the World- Edris Kibalama

May Allah guide us all Ameen and May Allah unite us upon the Khair Ameen and May Allah purify our hearts and intentions Ameen. May Allah have Mercy and forgiveness upon us, and May Allah have Mercy upon those who preceeded us, Allhumma Yarhamhum wa Yaghfir lahum, Allahumma Yarhamnaa wa yaghfir lanaa, Oh Allah give us beneficial

knowledge, Oh Allah preserve our Righteous Pious Scholars upon the khair, Oh Allah give us all understanding of the religion Ameen. Oh Allah purify us internally and externally Ameen. Oh Allah make us sincere, purely for your sake Ameen. Oh Allah, allow us to follow your religion, May you allow us to understand your speech/ The Quran, correctly, and the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad Peace be upon Him according to the understanding of those that directly heard from him, his companions(Be pleased with them) and remove rancour, evil, hasad, anger, malice,

deception and all evil traits from our heart
and allow us to live and die with a heart that
is Sound/ Qalbun Saliim Ameen

Oh Allah, Those of your creation that you
know have transgressed beyond bounds, and
you being Al Khabeer(The Most aware),
knowing those individuals would never return
back to justice, fairness and goodness. Out of
your infinite wisdom, Mercy and protection
of your true believing slaves, allow the
ground to swallow such of these perpetual

and persistent enemies, those that you know
if you were to bring back to the Dunia an
infinite amount of times, would infinitely and
perpetually perpetrate heinous crimes,
community and worldly atrocities.

Allahummakfineehim bimaa shi-ta

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Hasbunallahu wa ni-mal wakeel

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Allahumma munzilal kitaab saree'al hisaab
ihzimil Ahzaab. Allahummahzimhum wa zal
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Allahumma Innaa Naj'aluka fii nuhuurihim wa
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Oh Allah rescue your believing slaves from
the clutches of the enemy- those from your
creation that You encompass their forelocks-
just as you encompass the forelock of every
single one of your creation, just pending your
command of kun fayakun for life to be
removed from it or to transform them into
lifeless objects that can not move forward or
go back. From the most miniscule of your

creation, to those of your creation that are so
large that the human brain can not fathom-
Oh Allah those enemies that want
rectification, truth and guidance, guide them
to the truth sincerely for your sake, and those
that you know are perpetually otherwise by
your infinite knowledge, set them as an
example for future generations- for the Earth
to swallow them one by one, only if you know
that they will never return back to khair, by
your Infinite wisdom and justice

Allah Allahu Rabbii Laa Ushrika bihi shay aa

Oh Allah forgive us for the sins we know, and
those that we don not know
Ameen

Alhamdulillah wassalaatu wassalaam 'alaa
Rasuulillah

Peace be upon you/ Assalam 'Aleikom

There is no deity worthy of worship in truth
except Allah and Muhammad is the (Final
Messenger) of Allah(The seal of the Prophets-
after Jesus/ 'Esa, Moses/ Muusa, Joseph/
Yusuf, Benjamin/ Benyamin, Al Asbaat/ The
12 tribes of Israel(i.e. The Prophetic Heads-
Children of Israa eel/ Jacob/ Yakuub), Ismaa
'il/ Ismael, Abraham/ Ibrahim) and all the
Prophets

Bonus Book 5

One Hundred Life Reflections of an Orthodox Muslim

All Praises abundant and plentiful belong to Allah, and peace be upon his final Messenger Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him

We will get straight into the life reflections,
May Allah guide all of us Ameen

1. Immerse yourself in the oceans of knowledge, and hope to remain with at least a drop when you are out
2. You will never face justice until you are just, and the most important justice for yourself is establishing the Tawheed (True Monotheism) of Allah
3. Change will never come, until you change yourself.

4. One day you can be guided, the next you can be misguided. What is upon you is to pray and never give up hope of Allah's mercy

5. It is upon you to reprimand yourself when you see you are not good today as you were yesterday. What did you do differently, what sin did you commit? Repent and resume the path of righteousness.

6. Work to remove all traits of hypocrisy from yourself.

7. Succeed or die trying; that is in-itself success

8. If you have a sincere intention to pursue a particular matter you have succeeded already, as for successful people the vision of the finish line comes before the tedious process

9. If you make an intention sincerely for Allah, the full deed is written down for you even before you bat an eye lid

10.A sincere intention requires a concerted, deliberate effort, continuous, persistent and consistent

11.When it all fails, remember, same goal different approach

12.So many unanswered questions? Pray, all will fall into place, just a matter of time

13.Slow but sure, keep your vision of success and do not waver by the pomp and glitter of illusionary happiness

14.Beware of the enemy's tricks; Yes, beware of the tricks of the devil (Shaytaan)

15.The straight path has many hurdles

16. With the help of Allah, all good (khair) will be achieved

17. The biggest good (khair) is to see the Noble Face of Allah. Oh Allah we ask by your Face to give us Jannah (Paradise)

18. When all the paths to the dunia (worldly life) are blocked, turn back to Allah, The One that provides for you from sources that you can never imagine

19. Life is an illusionary transit, the more you get bogged down in its intricacies, the more confusion you acquire, but the more you turn back to Allah, the clearer the straight path becomes

20. Life is a test. Each person has a tailor-made path to success. Turn back to Allah and your path becomes clearer

21. The paths of darkness are many, while the straight path is one; it is clear as

day, and wide to walk upon, and it is found in following the Quran and Prophetic narrations

22.The one who has been guided to the straight path has attained all good (khair), and the one who has been led away from it has only Himself to blame

23.Success is not measured in material gain, but it is in wealth of the heart, pure intentions, and steadfastness upon the path of success

24.If you do not pass a test of Allah, it will be repeated many times until eventually you pass by His will

25.How merciful is Allah who gives His slaves many chances to turn back to Him in repentance

26.Why be concerned what the people think? Turn back to Allah and resume your sincerity to Him

27. Whatever happened to the man with a thousand questions?...he eventually meets someone like minded as himself

28. You can never rise to higher levels of righteousness until you raise your levels of patience

29. Wait, be patient and never tire of being patient

30. Patience is a key ingredient to attaining the gardens of bliss

31. When you realize that knowledge is limitless, your heart further humbles itself to the Most Knowledgeable (Allah)

32. The more sincere you are to Allah, the more Allah opens for you the path to guidance

33. Every so often one must stop what they are doing and remember The One that you are doing it for (Allah)

34.Be sincere, then continue on the path
of righteousness

35.After waiting, just wait a little longer

36.Have hope, be patient, the wait will
soon be over

37.Be that little seed of hope among
buildings of success that will never give
up hope until the tree it's destined to
be will be

38.True success: As soon as you realise the
greatness of your Lord (Allah) above,
and the Highness of His Names and
attributes and then worship Him
correctly to the best of your ability

39.The soul reaches the destination before
the mind catches up

40.Judgement day is dawning upon us,
prepare

41. When there is so many hurdles in your
way, pray and continue on your path

42. Don't get fooled by the pomp and
glitter of this temporary abode

43. Be confident, not haughty. There is
never a good end for the haughty

44. Those who are fixated on the goal will
never live the same life as the many
diverted by the seemingly-truthful
deceivers

45. It is the end that counts, so always be
on guard and live every moment like it
is your last

46. Theories can always be proven wrong,
divine truth can't. The liars may try to
conceal or misguide; however, their
efforts are like an ant trying to
physically conceal the grandeur of an
adjacent mountain

47. Islam is a divinely revealed reality that must be adhered to. All will see on the day of Haqq (truth)

48. Psychology is predominantly based on whimsical theory, suluuk (Orthodox Islamic Spirituality) is a reality from divine revelation

49. There is no greater human understanding of the psyche except through the study of suluuk (Orthodox Islamic spirituality)

50. If you do not strive to align your mind, body, soul, and emotions into near-perfect synchrony, one of them would make a mess of your spiritual journey

51. Do the things you know you should do, and the things you don't know will soon become clear

52. Knowledge is only **potential** power; the one who knows his awaiting journey through and through but doesn't take

necessary action is not much different
from the one who didn't know the
journey at all

53. Victory is for the obedient to Allah

54. Oh seeker of honour, where do you
stand in light of the Quran and Sunnah
(the way of Prophet Muhammad peace
be upon him)

55. Are you up to date with the current
news of your own household, which

you will be asked, not about the whole
world

56. If you believe that studying ends at the
acquisition of a certificate, then you do
not understand the value of continuous
learning

57. Wealth of the heart may reap wealth of
this world, but the latter may not reap
the wealth of the next

58. Love for the sake of Allah is not displaced, whereas love for other than Him most certainly dissipates

59. Worldly wealth comes to an end, but that of the next endures

60. Pray for a good ending; a bad ending is not worth anything, as those destined for it would wish to be dust.

61. I would rather quench my thirst with a sip of water full of blessings, than with a full cup containing blight

62. To recognise something in this world, you have to know it

63. Lack of knowledge is a breeding ground for deceit

64. To be blessed with little is diametrically opposed to being cursed with a lot

65. With all temporary fixes, they are just
that...temporary

66. Focus and eliminate the root cause of
the problem, and not solely its effects

67. If you do not have cloth to cut that
coat, then ask The One (Allah), who
provided you with the ability to ask

68. Difference in perception is not the end
all, but difference in belief is

69. Some people sell their souls for a price,
however the price cannot buy it back

70. It is better to submit your heart to
Allah than to face the penalty for your
resistance

71. Fleeing to the mercy of Allah is the
fleeing away from His punishment

72. Do what Allah wants you to do and He
shall provide you with what you need,
and Allah is The Self Sufficient

73.The One who created you knows you
better than you know self

74.Self-awareness is unfruitful without the
awareness of the One (Allah) who
provided it to you in the first place

75.Ample patience is required along the
way to success

76.Without patience you can never reach
your goal

77.Self-awareness without the awareness
of its Bestower (Allah) is like going on a
journey without knowledge of your
destination

78.In this world it is better to give
generously than to withhold
unreasonably

79.Generosity accumulates reward
hereafter (by the will of Allah)

80. Better to be a tortoise traveling in the
correct direction than a hare taking
other than the due course

81. Better to be patient than to pay the
penalty for haste

82. If what is intended of haste is heed
then this is good, but if what is
intended is an unthoughtful spur of the
moment then even a bull is more
proficient

83. The heart is like a satellite dish, the
frequency you tune into is the channel
you receive

84. Purify your heart before you corrupt
your understanding

85. Purify your understanding before your
action

86. Purify your action before your
reckoning

87.A compound diet requires compound
medicines

88.A simple diet is part of the cure

89.Blessings (from Allah) make a plate for
one a feast for three

90.The love of Allah grants you all that you
require.

91.The love of Allah alone grants you the
love you require from others, but love

of others alone keeps you away from
both

92.You can be at peace when you worship
Allah, both at times of ease and at
times of difficulties

93.Better to tell the truth then endure,
than to lie and miss out on the
opportunity to grow

94.Follow the straight path, don't falter

95. Be steadfast, don't waver

96. Be persistent, but most importantly
keep a constant eye on the objective

97. To walk a thousand miles to the oasis is
better than walking a mile to a mirage

98. Believe without omitting the last 2
letters

99. Patience is the easy way to success,
and is the only way

100. Whenever you lose a battle, stop
and thank Allah as He is preparing you
for the sure victory (Allah willing)

Bonus Book 6

Toolbox of a Resourceful Muslim

All praises be to Allah and salutations and
peace be upon the Prophet Muhammad, His

Family, His Companions and all those that
follow him until the day of Judgement

To proceed

I will go through with you, the skills that I use
in my own life to continuously try to achieve
and maintain success for both this world and
the next(in combination)- by the will of Allah:

Fix up your religion and monotheistic Belief:

a. Turn back to your Creator, and
realise that you are nothing without his
Mercy, Blessings, Assistance and Help

b. Learn your religion from reliable
sources

c. Carry out your religious duties and
obligations

Have Awareness of your Creator:

a. Having awareness of your Creator allows you to gain awareness of your self and the right path through life;

To know who you are and your life purpose, you have to learn about your Creator, and why He created you, i.e. to worship Him alone and not to associate any partners with him in any shape or form

Live ethically:

a. Make the right decisions when they present themselves.

Always try to choose the best out of 2 choices or scenarios

Self- Motivation i.e. **extrinsic and intrinsic**

a. **Intrinsic**- through your knowledge of the purpose of your creation;

I) Worship your Creator alone, without associating partners with him

ii) Adorn yourself with positive internal characteristics, such as loving the right things, and wanting good for yourself, your family, your community, and wanting the greater good for the world.

b. Extrinsic- surround yourself with positive things and positive people:

a. Make your environment in which you work and study in, one that motivates you to put in work and effort, for the betterment of your future

b. Have career based books, positive books and resources to hand ,or available to access, as and when you need them

c. Surround yourself with positive people.
Pray to Allah to provide you with good friends and for him to surround you with good people that you need to survive, both in this world and the hereafter.

Brain storm, and write all your ideas and thoughts down on paper, on a notepad or in a note book:

a. Get yourself a notebook, specifically for idea generation and brain-storming

b. Write all your life ideas and ambitions down.

Important Note: You do not have to show your personal information to anyone if you don't wish to, so you should be open and free to express yourself on paper and pour your thoughts, ambitions, ideas and life dreams onto it

Set goals for yourself:

Sieve through your brainstormed ideas and put a list of actionable goals and objectives for your life

Plan a strategy, for how you are going to achieve your goals:

Create a strategic plan of action, i.e. how the goal is going to be achieved, and setting a preliminary date for execution.

Create an organised, clean, calm environment of which to work productively, and where you can be able to think clearly.

a. Create an environment that can allow you to execute your plans efficiently.

b. Being clean and externally organised helps to create a calm and clear internal state within yourself. This allows you to work and concentrate at an optimum capacity.

c. Cleanliness and organization are part of Divine law i.e. in religion

Be self- organised:

a. Get a daily diary

b. Bookmark internet research into folders and give them relevant folder names in order to easily refer back to them at a later date.

Be mindful of the opportunities around you:

a. Have a positive mindset

b. Don't allow obstacles to keep you
from moving on.

c. Train your self to spot opportunities
for development, as much as you can, in
your daily life.

d. Avoid focussing on that which you
did not receive; You have to know that
if something missed you, it was not
meant for you, and if you are to receive

or achieve something, nothing or no one
can avert it or take it away from you.

Important Note: You have to still put
the hard work in, and recognise when
the opportunities and blessings come
your way.'

Convert your negative experiences or negative
situations into a positive learning experience:

a. Visualise how you can learn from
seemingly negative situations

b. Derive the positive benefits/ points/
lessons from a seemingly-negative
situation

Be resourceful:

a. Use the tools and resources at your
disposal;

Try to use the resources at your disposal
and sooner or later you would have
more resources to proceed on your
professional journey, by the will of
Allah

“Make use of what you have where you
are”

Have thankfulness to your Creator by
making use of your blessings:

a. Do not worry and lament over what
you don't have.

b. Appreciate all that you have, at your
disposal, and appreciate all the
blessings that Allah has given you

Important Note: This point can take up a whole chapter, on it's own. The topic of "Thankfulness to Allah" has numerous books written, just on this topic alone.

c. Always be grateful for what you have, and the Creator(Allah) will bless you with more

Set your self principles, within which you operate your life, and by which you live by:

a. Derive your principles from Divine law

b. Align those principles/ characteristics with your strengths and weaknesses, personal preferences and your personal likes and dislikes

Set yourself a preliminary career direction:

a. Once you have the career direction, then constantly learn how to operate within your chosen field

b. Learn how to achieve success within your chosen field, without

compromising your religious/ ethical principles.

Important Note: The more you learn about your chosen path, then the more you can decide on a day by day, or year by year basis, whether you like the chosen path. You can also decide whether you think it is time to move on in another career direction.

Important Advice: Keep open-minded, keep learning, keep exploring and searching for your life path. Sooner or later you will find it and just wonder what all the fuss was about.

Be a part- time Volunteer, for life:

- a. Regularly get involved in volunteering/ Charity work- possibly in your own time or spare time.
- b. Volunteering boosts your confidence, gets you to have a feel of working in the field you wish to operate, improves your personal and professional skills, as well as benefiting you, on a religious and spiritual level.

c. Volunteering improves your intellectual and mental state of well-being.

Bonus Quote Image on Healthy Eating



Short statement from a semi- fruitarian, ethical living Advocate and a World change proponent through self-rectifying Activism:

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And adding plant based, whole grain foods,
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perpetrating Bio-medical and Health- Endangering
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Some of The Names of Allah

1. Allah

2. Arrahmaan

The Entirely Merciful

3. Arraheem

The Especially Merciful

4. Al Ahad

The One and Only

5. Al Waahid

The One and Only

6. Al Waduud

The Most Loving

7. Al Hayyu

The Ever Living

8. Al Mubeen

The Manifest

9. Al Hakeem

The Most Wise

10. Al Qahhar

The Ever Subduing

FINAL PRAYER

May Allah increase us in beneficial knowledge. May Allah guide us, May Allah forgive us all our sins, and we ask Allah that he pardons us our shortcomings. May Allah purify our hearts and intentions, May Allah give us understanding of the religion, May Allah give us beneficial knowledge, hikmah and sincerity for His sake Alone. May Allah have Mercy and forgiveness upon us and those who preceded us.

Oh Allah guide us all Ameen

Rabbanaa, Aatinaa fiddunia hasanah, wa fil
akhirati hasanah, wa qinaa ‘adhabannaar

Alhamdulillah, wassalatu wassalaam ‘alaa
Rasuulillah

Our Lord/ Rabb, Give us the good of this
world and give us the good of the afterlife and
protect us from the fire of Hell Ameen

All Praises abundant and plentiful belong to
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Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him,
his family, his companions and all of those
that follow them till the day of Judgement.

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